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ACTION EA-14

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SS-15 AID-20 DPW-01 IO-13 RSR-01 /138 W

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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5383

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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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AMCONSUL UDORN

USDEL JEC PARIS

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SECDEF

USDAO SAIGON

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CINCPACFLT

CINCPACAF

CDR USSAG NKP

CDR 13 AF ADVON UDORN

388 TFW KORAT

DODSPECREP BANGKOK

DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

56 SOW NKP

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432 TRW UDORN

CDR JCRC NKP
8 TFW UBON
ARMA/AIRA VTN LAOS
ARMA/AIRA SVKT LAOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5673

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD: 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW,
388 TFW, 354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2 AND PAO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PFOR, LA
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT -- 15 AUGUST 1973

REF: VIENTIANE 5621

I. MILITARY SITUATION:

A. MR'S I, II, IV AND V: NO GROUND OR AIR ACTION
REPORTED 13-14 AUGUST.

B. MR III: MAJOR INCIDENT OCCURED EARLY MONRING
(121800-122345Z) AUGUST 13 WHEN TWO PL COMPANIES ATTACKED
BI 611, LOCATED 28 KMS NORTHEAST OF SENO (WD 277558).
NO KNOWN CASUALTIES REPORTED.

C. THERE WAS MINOR ENEMY ATTACK BY FIRE AUGUST 13
AGAINST BI 511, LOCATED 11 KMS NORTHEAST OF DONG HENE,
WITH NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

D. RLAF FLEW FOUR T-28 SORTIES IN MR III NONE IN SUPPORT
OF TROOPS IN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION

A. INTENSE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE RLG AND LPF
CONTINUED AUGUST 13-15; BUT THE PRIME MINISTER'S
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT PROTOCOL WOULD BE INTIALED BY
AUGUST 15 HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTED AS SOME MILITARY AND
OTHER CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS HOLD OUT FOR ADDITIONAL LPF
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NWCONCESSIONS, PARTICULARLY IN MILITARY PORTION OF PROTOCOL.
SOUVANNA HAS NOW TAKEN DIRECT AND ACTIVE ROLE IN NEGOTIATIONS,
AND ON AUGUST 14 MET FOR MORE THAN FOUR HOURS WITH
SENIOR NEGOTIATORS FROM TWO SIDES. RLG REGULAR WEEKLY
CABINET MEETING, AUGUST 15, MAY PROVIDE FORUM FOR
SEARCHING, IF NOT FINAL, REVIEW OF PROTOCOL.

B. VIENTIANE DOMESTIC SERVICE, AUGUST 13, CARRIED

A NEWS ITEM REPORTING THE PRIME MINISTER'S RECENT INTERVIEW WITH TWO JAPANESE JOURNALISTS (SEPT-EL-NOTAL) IN WHICH SOUVANNA SAID THAT, AFTER THE FORMATION OF A NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT, THE MINISTERS AND THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL FREELY TO ANY PART OF LAOS TO CARRY OUT THEIR ACTIVITIES. SOUVANNA STRESSED THAT A LASTING PEACE CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF BOTH SIDES ARE SATISFIED WITH THE SOLUTION. HE THEREFORE EMPHASIZED THAT "IT IS NOT A GOOD IDEA TO BE IN A HURRY."
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